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Please replace the first paragraph of page 1 with the following paragraph:

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## **RELATED APPLICATIONS:**

This application is a continuation of U.S. patent application no. 09/416,399 filed October 12, 1999 entitled, "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETECTING ULTRASONIC SURFACE DISPLACEMENTS USING POST-COLLECTION OPITCAL AMPLIFICATION", which claims the priority to and incorporates by reference U.S. patent application no. 09/345,558 filed June 30, 1999 entitled, "MEHTOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETECING ULTRASONIC SURFACE DISPLACEMENTS USING POST-COLLECTION OPITICAL AMPLIFICATION", which claims priority to and incorporates by reference the prior U.S. provisional application no. 60/091,229 filed on June 30, 1998 entitled, "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETECTING ULTRASONIC SURFACE DISPLACEMENTS USING POST-COLLECTION OPTICAL AMPLIFICATION", and incorporates by reference U.S. provisional application no. 60/091,240 filed on June 30, 1998 entitled, "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ULTRASONIC LASER TESTING" by Thomas E. Drake.